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EXAMINER: E. F. MCELWAIN

FOR: CHIMERIC GENES AND METHOD FOR INCREASING THE LYSINE CONTENT OF THE SEEDS OF PLANTS

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This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2003 regarding the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof.